

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the **PATENT APPLICATION** of:

Joachim Laempe

**Application No.:** 10/539,963

**Confirmation No.:** 8663

**Filed:** June 17, 2005

**For:** METHOD AND DEVICE FOR  
PRODUCING CASTING CORES  
AND/OR CASTING MOLDS

**Group:** 1725

**Examiner:** Kuang Y. Lin

**Our File:** SMB-PT150  
(PC 03 460 M US)

**Date:** April 23, 2007

**COMMUNICATION REGARDING STATUS OF REFUND REQUEST**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.28(a) a refund of Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$450) was requested on August 30, 2005, for the filing fee due to a late claim of small entity status.

The Refund Request was timely, being made prior to the first business day of the three month anniversary of the filing date on which the full filing fee was paid, as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.28(a). A copy of the original Request, the return receipt postcard and an acknowledgement of the Refund Request from the USPTO is attached.

**Applicant:** Joachim Laempe  
**Application No.:** 10/539,963

Please credit the refund to Volpe and Koenig, P.C., Deposit Account No.  
22-0493.

Respectfully submitted,

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